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Fish, both fresh and frozen, will be plentiful during the balance of the year and will aid greatly in relieving the shortage of protein foods, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior predicted today.

The prediction is based on the facts that the quantity of frozen fish and shellfish now held in freezers is at a record for this season of the year and that boats in the Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes and the Pacific are daily bringing in additional quantities of fresh fish to meet consumer's needs.

Holdings of frozen fish and shellfish, exclusive of those in private freezers, totaled 152 million pounds on September 1, a record quantity for this season of the year, the Service stated. Stocks included 130 million pounds of salt-water fish; 9 million pounds of lake and river fish, and 13 million pounds of shellfish.

Stocks of frozen fish are well distributed throughout the country; 36 million pounds in New England; 24 million in the Middle Atlantic States; 9 million in the South Atlantic area; 24 million in the North Central States; 7 million in the South Central States; 22 million on the Pacific Coast, and 30 million in Alaska.

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